

MIDEAST-CIA (SCHEDULED)

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CAIRO, U.A.R. JUNE 16 (REUTERS)- A CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT GAMAL ABDEL NASSER CLAIMED TODAY THAT THE UNITED STATES POURED TANKS AND PLANES INTO ISRAEL BEFORE THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AND ITS CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (C.I.A.) PLANNED U.S. COLLUSION WITH ISRAEL.

MOHAMED HASSANEIN HEYKAL, EDITOR OF THE AUTHORITATIVE AL AHRAM NEWSPAPER WHICH USUALLY REFLECTS THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT NASSER, SAID THAT BETWEEN MARCH AND MAY THIS YEAR THE U.S. PROVIDED ISRAEL WITH 400 NEW TANKS AND ABOUT 2500-3 IN A MILITARY BUILD-UP OF "UNIMAGINABLE LEVELS".

IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ISRAEL POSSESSED NO MORE THAN FIVE ARMORED DIVISIONS HEYKAL SAID, ADDING ON JUNE 5 IT USED EIGHT ARMORED DIVISIONS ON THE SINAI FRONT AGAINST EGYPTIAN FORCES.

IT WAS ALSO ESTIMATED THAT ISRAEL COULD NOT STRIKE AT ANY INDIVIDUAL ARAB COUNTRY WITH MORE THAN 200 PLANES, BUT ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 5 IT USED 500 AIRCRAFT ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT ALONE, HE ADDED.  
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FIRST ADD CAIRO MIDEAST-CIA X X X ADDED.

HEYKAL SAID THAT WHEN THE U.S. DECIDED TO ESCALATE WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS ITS POLICY OF VIOLENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO SAFEGUARD AMERICAN INTERESTS, SYRIA WAS CHOSEN AS A TARGET FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS.

THESE WERE THAT THE EGYPT WOULD:-

(1) STAND BY INDIFFERENTLY AS SYRIA WAS BEING CRUSHED AND ARAB UNITED ACTION THEREFORE WOULD COLLAPSE: OR

(2) ATTACK ISRAEL AND LEAVE ITSELF (THE U.A.R.) OPEN TO DEPICTION AS "THE AGGRESSIVE POWER," THUS ENABLING THE U.S. SIXTH FLEET TO INTERVENE ON THE ISRAELI SIDE.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IN THE LAST 10 DAYS OF MAY MADE THE U.S. AND ISRAEL DRASTICALLY AMEND THEIR PLAN OF OPERATION AND SHIFT THEIR TARGET FROM SYRIA TO EGYPT, HE CONTINUED.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE U.S. BEGAN "ONE OF THE GREATEST MISLEADING AND DECEIT CAMPAIGNS IN MODERN HISTORY".

THE U.S., HEYKAL SAID, TOLD RUSSIA THAT LIMITED FIGHTING BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAEL SHOULD NOT BE CONVERTED INTO AN UNLIMITED WAR BETWEEN THE TWO BIG POWERS. INSTEAD THERE SHOULD BE JOINT EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE CRISIS PEACEFULLY.

AMERICAN "LIES AND HYPOCRISY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION" REACHED ITS PEAK WHEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON ASKED SOVIET PRIME MINISTER ALEXEI KOSYGIN TO EXPLAIN TO PRESIDENT NASSER THAT TWO U.S. RECONNAISSANCE PLANES SIGHTED OVER SINAI DURING THE FIGHTING WERE ONLY THERE TO INQUIRE INTO THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON THE AMERICAN SHIP LIBERTY.  
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SECOND ADD CAIRO MIDEAST-CIA X X X LIBERTY.  
(IN THE ATTACK ON THE LIBERTY, DESCRIBED BY THE  
U.S. AS A COMMUNICATIONS VESSEL, TOTAL OF 34 MEN  
WERE KILLED AND 75 WOUNDED.)

HEYKAL SAID THE U.S.-ISRAELI CONSPIRACY INCLUDED  
PLANS FOR A UNIT OF THE SIXTH FLEET TO COMPLETELY  
JAM EGYPTIAN RADAR NETWORKS. THE "ESPIONAGE SHIP" LIBERTY'S  
JOB WAS TO PICK UP ALL MESSAGES FROM THE EGYPTIAN  
OPERATIONS ROOM AND DECIPHER THEM.

HE HE SAID HE HAD NOT MENTIONED THE ROLE OF BRITAIN BECAUSE  
SHE "IS MORE A FOLLOWER OF U.S. POLICIES"...  
"NOTHING REMAINS OF THE BRITISH LION EXCEPT ITS TAIL,  
WHICH IS NOW USED BY THE AMERICAN COWBOY EITHER FOR WHISKING  
OR WHIPPING." HEYKAL COMMENTED.

HE LISTED AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF AMERICAN DECEIT PRESIDENT  
JOHNSON'S APPEALS TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO EXERCISE  
RESTRAINT WHILE ALL THE TIME THE U.S. WAS HELPING  
ISRAEL COMPLETE MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

HE SAID ABOUT 1,000 AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS HAD ARRIVED IN  
ISRAEL JUST BEFORE THE WAR TO WORK AS PILOTS AND NAVIGATORS.  
ALL OF THEM WERE EITHER FROM AMERICAN FORCES IN  
EUROPE OR THE U.S. ITSELF.

ENEMY PILOTS HAD BEEN HEARD CONVERSING IN ENGLISH AND  
NOT IN HEBREW, HE ADDED.

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